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1. WMO SECRETARIAT RECEIVED TODAY CABLE FROM METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTOR, NIGER ROUGH TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS: NIGER GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE WMO ASSOCIATED WITH EXPERT MISSION. CORRESPONDENCE FROM US EMBASSY INDICATES THAT MR. EUGENE BOLLAY COULD COME TO NIGER WEEK BEGINNING 19 AUGUST. I COULD MEET THE EXPERT IN GENEVA AND DISCUSS MOST APPROPRIATE DATES FOR MISSION.

2. SECRETARIAT OFFICER INTERPRETS THIS TO MEAN THAT METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTOR PROBABLY NOT ACTIVE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPERT ON WEATHER MODIFICATION. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MENTION IN CABLE OF QUOTE MOST APPROPRIATE DATES FOR MISSION UNQUOTE IMPLIES ANY WISH TO DELAY EXPERT MISSION.

3. ALL METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTORS FROM SAHELIAN COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION SESSION OPENING AUGUST 21, BUT HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE TO SUGESTION FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THESE DIRECTORS ON AUGUST 20. THEY ARE STILL PREPARED TO ARRANGE TALKS BETWEEN BOLLAY AND ANY DIRECTORS WHO DO APPEAR ON 20TH. FEEL IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE ANYTING FOR THE 21ST DUE PREOCCUPATION OPENING OF REGIONAL SESSION. THEY
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HAVE ASKED ASECNA TO URGE EARLY ARRIVAL OF THE SIX DIRECTORS

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4. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ASECNA OFFICIALS AND METEOROLOGICAL DIRECTORS MAY BE SENSITIVE PROBLEM CERTAIN OF SAHELIAN COUNTRIES AND WILL DISCUSS THIS ASPECT WITH NOAA EXPERT.

5. WMO SECRETARIAT HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL REQUEST FROM FAO TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREA, NOW BEING COORDINATED PRIMARILY BY WMO. FURTHER DISCUSSION EXPECTED DURING RA I SESSION GENEVA. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.BSSIN

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